

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Department of Employment Services



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### YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAAC)

D.C. Department of Employment Services

Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, William Dean, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Lewis Brown took roll call.

#### III. COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: – William Dean, Burt Barnow and Erica Jones

**SAFF ATTENDEE:** Lewis Brown, Ashley Williams, Kenneth Walker, Dr. Marla Wyche, Michael Taylor in addition to all OAIT staff

#### IV. DOES UPDATES:

Program Manager, Lewis Brown reported out that the DC Office of Apprenticeship and IDEA Charter High School had finalized a Memorandum and Understanding (MOU) for a Youth Apprenticeship initiative to enroll 30 high school seniors for a 24-week pre-apprenticeship training, that lead to direct entry to registered apprenticeships programs. The training initiative is also in partnership with the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), which 14 students were currently enrolled.

Mr. Brown also reported that the Office of Apprenticeship is finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ballou Senior Stay High School to enroll 20 high seniors for pre-apprenticeship training in the occupation areas of information technology. The training initiative is in partnership with the DC Department of Human Resources (DHR), which will also lead to direct entry to registered apprenticeships with District government agencies that are host apprenticeship sponsors.

Program Manager, Lewis Brown reported out the Office of Apprenticeship was coordinating a formal Youth Apprenticeship Awareness Week to be held during the week of May 02, 2022. Mr. Brown also noted a series for planned events during the week to include:

- Apprenticeship Signing Day that will feature high school students successfully completing pre-apprenticeship training towards registered apprenticeships,
- Host Youth Apprenticeship Parent Night Discussions,
- Apprenticeship Sponsors' Demonstration of their trade areas by apprentices.

Mr. Brown reported out that the Department of Employment Services' Office of Apprenticeship secured a federal grant for "On-the Job Reimbursement" to be offered to eligible apprenticeship sponsors, who can receive up to 75% reimbursement of new apprentices hired for the first year, and the reimbursement only applies to DC residents.

Mr. Brown noted that the YAAC 2021 report is still under review to be posted. Chairman Dean noted that the Committee looks forward to the report being on the next meeting.

## **V. Next Steps**

Mr. Burt Barnow noted that the New America organization put out a document on "Youth Apprenticeship Quality Assessment Tool," which he e-mailed members to review. Mr. Barnow recommended that the YAAC invite one of the organization's members to any of the next upcoming meetings to discuss their ideas on youth apprenticeship that the committee may consider adopting for District. In addition, Mr. Barnow noted that he attended one of New America's events and enjoyed the sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 35 PM.